

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (MCHAB)
MARCH 17, 2006
MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Terrence McGaw, MD, Vice-Chairperson
Senator Maggie Carlton
Jeffrey Wrightson, MD
Beverly Neyland, MD
Michelle Kling, RN, MS
T.J. Rosenberg
Assemblywoman Genie Ohrenschall
Bonnie Sorenson, RN
Suzanne Magleby, MSW
Raquel Knecht, MA
Tyree Davis, DDS

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

NONE

NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Judith Wright, Chief, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)
Debra Wagler, Health Program Specialist (HPS) 1, Real Choice Systems Change Grant Coordinator (RCSC), BFHS
Barbara Howe, HPS1, BFHS
Tiffany Young, HPS1, BFHS
Yolanda McDade, HPS1, BFHS
Chris Herrera, HPS1, BFHS
Tami Terstege, Administrative Assistant (AA) 4, BFHS
Josh Noble, AA1, BFHS
Heidi Sakelarios, Health Program Manager (HPM) 2, Public Health Preparedness (PHP)
Kirk Mitchell, Public Information Officer (PIO), PHP

OTHERS PRESENT

Phil Nowak Chief, Medicaid Managed Care, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFFP)
Betsy Aiello, Chief, Nevada ✓ Check Up, DHCFFP
Cindy Pyzel, Attorney General's Office
Lisa Lottritz, Public Health Nurse (PHN) Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD)
Robin Kinkaid, Nevada Parents Encouraging Parent (PEP)
Latesha Greer, Nevada PEP
Carole Manbey, MCH Supervisor, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)
Veronica Nichols, PHN Manager, SNHD
Michelle Villanueva, Maternal Child Health (MCH) Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM), SNHD
Erin Connor, Child Protective Services (CPS) Nurse, SNHD
Madlyn Sparks, PHN, SNHD
Trinidad Gonzalez, PHN, SNHD

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Terrence McGaw called to order the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) meeting at **9:35 a.m.** videoconferenced from the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB), Carson City,

and the Grant Sawyer Building, Las Vegas. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), Carson City; Kinhead Building, Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD), Carson City; Clark County District Health District (CCDHD), Las Vegas; LCB, Carson City; Grant Sawyer Building, Las Vegas; and the Nevada State Health Division website at www.health2k.state.nv.us.

Introductions were made around the table.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2005

Assemblywoman Genie Orenshall motioned to approve, Tyree Davis seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

UPDATE ON MEDICAID MANAGED CARE INCLUDING A REPORT ON IMMUNIZATIONS AND PROCESS OF NEW MEDICAID MANGAED CARE CONTRACTS

Phil Nowak stated in the evaluations of the requests for proposals (RFP), technical difficulties were identified by purchasing resulting in creating a new RFP. The new proposal will be due on June 1, 2006, and the new contract will be effective November 1, 2006. Mr. Nowak noted March 20, 2006 respondents can submit questions for review; the final decision will be June 30, 2006. Mr. Nowak stated the early indications included all five of the previous bidders including Health Plan of Nevada (HPN) Nevada Care, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Amery Group, and Molina Health Care, will respond again along with a new bidder called Centene, which is a Medicaid-only organization and operates in the Midwest cluster and Arizona.

Mr. Nowak stated in 2005 the immunizations number resulted in 3,300 children between the ages of 3-6 who had not had a well child exam. Individual letters were sent out to parents requesting them to come in and receive services and they were offered an incentive. Since the incentive, 758 members have set up appointments. Mr. Nowak briefly noted there will be a similar effort with offering pregnant women who complete the prenatal and post partum visits with a \$20.00 gift card. Mr. Nowak stated there will they are looking at Medicaid and Nevada ✓ Up recipients, and making sure they are with a primary care physician or if in pregnancy status, they are with an Ob/Gyn. Bonnie Sorenson asked if any of the information obtained will be able to be shared with any of the health districts relative to people who are not responding and might need some additional follow up. Mr. Nowak stated he does not think it would be a problem, however, he would find out just to be sure. Ms. Sorenson also mentioned it would be helpful to obtain information by zip code to show which areas need to be targeted. Dr. Davis asked where the funding is coming from for the gift cards. Mr. Nowak stated they are funded by HPN.

BOARD DISCUSSION OF DISASTER ACTION PLANNING, UPDATE ON STATE HEALTH DIVISON'S (SHD) EFFORTS AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF

Heidi Sakelarios stated the Health Division (HD) received two federal grants used to fund public preparedness activities. The first comes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and targets the public health preparedness and emergency response. It is designed to upgrade or integrate public health jurisdictions such as terrorism and other public health emergencies. The second is from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). It is designed for bioterrorism hospital preparedness, and is focused on enhancing the availability if healthcare systems for terrorism and other public health emergencies. Each of the grants has identified specific priority areas needed to be targeted by funds. CDC has targeted their activities

towards the prevention of illness or diseases related to bioterrorist events, as well as, detection and reporting disease. The HRSA grant is focused on surge capacity, emergency medical services, hospital laboratories, linkages between hospitals and public health departments, education and preparedness training for healthy care providers. Ms. Sakelarios stated the HD noticed six themes which emerged across the state which are going to be worked on collectively. This first is a series of public health summits which will provide the opportunity for local public health authorities to host a one or two day meeting to exercise any particular response plan, or to share or provide information. The second is volunteer/recruitment management and training. The third is public education and outreach to enable the state to have a consistent and clear message in case of a potential public health threat. The fourth is having a statewide conference. The fifth is to exercise development and training internally rather than using contractors. The sixth is to look at special populations. This year's focus is children, adolescents, and seniors. Funding had been provided to purchase pediatric resuscitation equipment which was distributed to rural ambulance providers. Funding had also been provided to purchase two disaster medical facilities each of which can accommodate all necessary needs. A crisis and risk communications plan is being developed to help with guidance. There is also a plan to provide assistance to other public health authorities in case they become overwhelmed. Ms. Sakelarios introduced Kirk Mitchell who is the liaison to agencies. Senator Maggie Carlton asked who will be providing the critiquing of the exercise. Ms. Sakelarios stated there will be a planning committee who will develop the exercise and will also evaluate the criteria.

UPDATE ON NEVADA ✓ CHECK UP

Betsy Aiello stated the case load does continue to be below the budget and is 800 below last year, which are almost 3,000 below the projected budget. The application intake has increased with the average monthly applications for 2003 was 1,200, 2005, 1,300, and so far into 2006, 1,450. Ms. Aiello stated Covering Kids and Families grant ends in August 2006, and the Coalition had been working to develop sustainability so when funding ends the program will not disappear. They have turned in a grant to become a vista program, and will umbrella under Health Insight as their intermediary. Ms. Aiello stated if any other grants are available to please let her know so the situation of only having one financial source does not arise again. The reauthorization for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) expires in 2007. Ms. Aiello stated the Medicaid Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability (HIFA) waivers are in the process of being written to expand coverage for pregnant women from Poverty level 133% to 185%. It will also provide a monthly subsidy up to \$100 towards the policy insurance to small employers with less than 50 employees at 200% of poverty level or less. Also there will be coverage for hospitals to care for persons with low incomes who have catastrophic illness or injury.

REPORT ON OUTCOMES OF MEETINGS OF IMMUNIZATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Judith Wright stated there was discussion on the new immunizations and how to provide coverage, revitalizing the 1993 immunization plan and identifying potential legislation. There was also training on the open meeting law and how they relate to the MCHAB. Ms. Sorenson noted it is important to know all groups who are working on immunizations to make sure everyone is working together to prevent duplication and help resolve efforts. Also the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) audited their private providers and the immunization numbers are showing a 37-44% range.

BOARD DISCUSSION OF CHILDREN'S IMMUNIZATIONS IN NEVADA AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMEBERS TO THE BOARD'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATIONS AND DIRECTION TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND/OR STAFF

Senator Maggie Carlton motioned to have the new co-chair be a board member, make the subcommittee on immunizations into a working group, and comply with the open meeting law rules and regulations. Assemblywoman Ohrenschall seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

REPORT ON THE (SHD) STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS AND PROGRESS TO DATE

Ms. Wright stated Mike Willden approved the Health Division to apply for funding during the 2007 Legislature for more money to improve access to prenatal care expanding the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) campaign. The funding will go to a rural community and an initiative to target African American birth outcomes. There will also be a request for state immunizations. Funding requests will also include enhancing community health nursing, and provide more staff for the Bureau of Licensure of Certification (BLC) to investigate complaints and also train nursing home staff etc, to prevent complaints. There also is the need to have more access to care for mental health services for young children.

UPDATE ON THE REAL CHOICE SYSTEMS CHANGE (RCSC) GRANT ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS FROM RCSC STAFF ON THEIR PROJECTS AND ACTIVITES

Debra Wagler stated the two top issues which have surfaced are difficult and cumbersome financial assistance in the eligibility process and lack of access to services. Ms. Wagler introduced Tiffany Young, working in the Reno region, Yolanda McDade working in the Elko region, and Chris Herrera working in the Las Vegas region. Each reported they provide outreach in the community by meeting and collaborating with traditional and non traditional members throughout the community for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN). Ms. McDade also mentioned she is working on a specific website for the Elko region.

UPDATE AND BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF POSSIBLE CHANGE OF THE NAME OF THE BIRTH DEFECTS REGISTRY TO MORE RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE

Robin Kinkaid stated committees had been working on respectful language changes across the nation. As a parent, the name "Birth Defects" has a stigma behind it and is proposing to change the registry name. The Board discussed potential names and it was concluded to change the "Birth Defects Registry" to "Nevada Birth Outcomes Monitoring System." Assemblywoman Ohrenschall motioned to approve the change. Raquel Knecht seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

BOARD REVIEW OF CURRENT BYLAWS AND REVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIRECTION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Due to confusion and what exact information needs to be obtained, this action agenda was tabled.

UPDATE ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS CARE OF CHILDREN WITH DIABETES

Barbara Howe stated she had been working with contracted dietitians and school nurses throughout the state. Ms. Howe is training to make sure all staff within the school district are aware of which children have diabetes and up to date services are provided for the specific type of diabetes.

There are contracted dieticians working in 14 to 17 counties. They are working to implement the CDC guidelines for children with diabetes in schools in all 17 counties. Ms. Sorenson asked if there had been evaluations of diabetes incidents within the school systems. Ms. Howe responded, stating she does have a count from the school nurses; however, there could be some children who have been unidentified. It was suggested Ms. Howe supply a number for the committee.

STAFF REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Wright stated the language for prenatal care coverage in Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) will be deleted. The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Town Hall Meetings report will be posted on the website soon. The Child and Adolescent program is working on the early childhood systems development grant getting the action plan completed, and the program is working on a summit for childhood obesity in the North. There will be new abstinence messages available soon. CSHCN numbers are low and may not completely spend the funding available, so it was suggested to get the word out if you know of a child who does not qualify for Medicaid or Nevada ✓ Check Up with primary insurance and needs services to apply. The 2005 Newborn Hearing Screening (NBHS) report is being written and will hopefully be available at the next meeting. Oral Health should have the 2005 report posted soon, and staff are going out and placing sealants for children in school districts in Southern Nevada. Primary Care Development Center (PCDC) has a new Search coordinator Jenni Limoges. There are 11 J1-Visa applications which is an improvement from last year. Women Infants and Children (WIC) is still working on EBT and discussions with USDA are continuing. There have been 48,000 participants per month.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

It was mentioned the next meeting is July 7, 2006 in Reno; the Block Grant will be reviewed. Lisa Loftrich, the new president of the Northern Nevada MCH Coalition, was introduced.

Meeting adjourned at **11:35 a.m.**